Mengele Link to Drug Trafficking Is Reported in C.I.A. Documents

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The Central Intelligence Agency indicate that agency officials in Parabegan receiving reports in 1971 that Driguay gave credence to the reports and Josef Mengele, the Nazi war criminal forwarded them to headquarters in was heavily involved with partners in Washington, which, in turn, queried illegal narcotics trafficking in Para in their Federal investigative agencies guay, according to declassified Gov on the matter as recently as 1979. ernment documents.

The documents, provided in censored form by the C.I.A. for a Senate inquiry

The partially blacked out documents do not establish the truth of the reports, and leave many questions unanswered about Dr. Mengele, who was chief doctor at the Auschwitz death camp, where millions perished."Among these questions are to what extent the information was pursued in the search for one of Nazi Germany's most hotorious fugitives.

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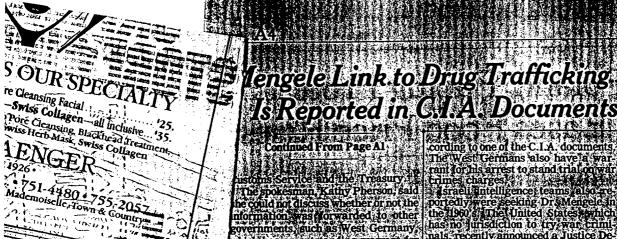
"They just let the information hang there," said Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, Republican of the New York. "No one pursued this 4. Senator D'Amaio obtained the plocuments in conjunction with Senator Arien Spec-ter, Republican of Pennsylvania. The two Senators said they would discuss the documents at a news conference set for today in Washington.

A spokesman for the C.I.A. in Washington said late vesterday that the information about Dr. Mengele was disseminated "as appropriate" to other Government agencies, including the State and Defense Departments, the

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governments such as West Germany, which has an outstanding warrant for Dr. Mengele's arrest \$800 1891 has 22 Further anformation, Sought well a

The documents synich were obtained by The New York (Limes, offer these new accounts among others:

The C.I.A. s Strategic Narcotics Team approached other Federal agencies in 1979 for further information on reports of drug trafficking by Dr. Mengele, seeking to back up an article that the team had submitted for publication in the International Narcotics Review. The article was later withdrawn and could not be immediately located by the singer of saccording to Senators D'Arhato and Specter 1848 1944 (1944) 4 A 1974 C. I.A. debriefing of a source

who Interviewed Nazis in Paraguay produced information that Dr. Mengele had undergone plastic surgery and appeared to be much younger than his age which would now be 73. The source also reported that a photograph in Paraguayan passport files showed Dr. Mengele after the plastic surgery

The same source, possibly a writer from the context of the document, also from the context of the document, also reported an account that around 1968 Dr. Mengele was tiving in Paraguay with Martin Bormann, Hitler's designated successor who is believed by nost authorities to have died in Berlin in 1945, 48 Simon Wiesenthal Center, announced vesterday that a separate revelopment, with

yesterday that a \$1 million reward was being offered for information leading to the capture and extradition of Dr. Mengele in the contract of the contract

Dr. Mengele dead and was not seeking vigilante action 'The \$1 million comes in addition to rewards pledged satilist

The West Germans also have a wa rant for his arrest to stand trial on w

me town of engarments, which is a miles southeast of Asuncion. The farm the document said, was owned by a man named Mengele who was using the name of Henrique Wollman. It added "Report suggests he and others gele genjoys the protection dent Alfredo Stroessner

lent Alfredo Stroessner A second cable to headquarters a fe weeks later confirmed that this was in-deed the Nazi fugitive and said he lived in a villa northeast of Asuno 90 miles from the Brazilian border and worked as an auto mechanic Request for information C.I.A.'s special assistant for coordina tion of foreign narcotics information asked officials of the Drug Enforce ment Administration and the Customs Service for any information they might have on drug trafficking by Dr. Mengele. The Cal:A also suggested that the business owned by Dr. Mengele's family, a German farm machinery manufacturing scompany with soffices in South America 2 could serve cas the center, an institute for the study of German war crimes that is based in Los Angeles, said the money had been put up by florors who wished to remain anonymous but who would be denit field? Dr. Mengele was apprehended allys the said the center did not want to the said the center did not want their are ords showed snormormation field? Dr. Mengele was apprehended allys the said the center did not want that they are cords showed snormormation about Dr. Mengele was apprehended allys the said the center did not want that they are cords showed snormormation about Dr. Mengele was a portable of the center did not swant that they are cords and by Amatolasia. mechanism to move or launder large